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SUBJECT: INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION

1. MRS. KAREN FIGUERES, NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE HANDICRAFT DEVELOPMENT (ANDA) AND WIFE OF FORMER PRESIDENT FIGUERES, HAS SENT ME A COPY OF A LETTER TO ROSS COGGINS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION (IAF) RESPONDING TO HIS LETTER OF MAY 14. COPIES ALSO SENT TO CONGRESSMAN DANTE FASCELL AND MR. AUGUSTIN S. HART, PRESIDENT OF THE IAF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

2. LETTER STATES THAT ON RECEIPT OF COGGINS' LETTER REFUSING ASSISTANCE TO ANDA, FIRST REACTION WAS TO TERMINATE ALL FUTURE CONTACT WITH IAF. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF CONTINUING FEELING OF FRIENDSHIP FOR U.S., ANDA DECIDED TO GIVE MORE DETAILED REPLY. LETTER CONTINUES THAT DESPITE NUMEROUS AND LONG VISITS OF ANN HARTFIEL, SHE AND CONSEQUENTLY IAF DO NOT SEEM TO UNDERSTAND OPERATION OF ANDA OR OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY OF COSTA RICA. IT ALSO INQUIRES WHETHER IAF'S POSITION THAT IT WOULD PROVIDE ASSISTANCE DIRECTLY TO THE ARTISANS, MEANT THAT IAF WAS APPLYING TO ANDA DIFFERENT CRITERIA THAN IT APPLIED TO OTHER COSTA RICAN ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS PUEBLO. IT STRESSES THAT NEED FOR ASSISTANCE IS NOW WHEN ORGANIZATION IS TRYING TO GET STARTED AND WHEN ARTISANS DO NOT HAVE TECHNICAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE SKILL TO BE ABLE TO GET ANDA FUNCTIONING. IT REGRETS OPPORTUNITY BEING MISSED TO DO SOMETHING TO RESTORE THE GOOD NAME OF IAF IN COSTA RICA. FINALLY, IT EXPRESSES HOPE THAT IAF EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL CONSIDER MATTER CAREFULLY AND TRY TO TAKE MORE POSITIVE

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DECISION ON OTHER PROJECTS TO HELP COSTA RICA, A FRIEND OF THE

UNITED STATES. LETTER EMPHASIZES THAT IT REPRESENTS THE VIEWS OF
THE ARTISANS OF THE SEVEN REGIONAL CENTERS AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE
ANDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

3. COPY OF LETTER BEING POUCHED.
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